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SUBJECT: US/USSR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION: VISIT OF US
URBAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP

REF: A. MOSCOW 10979; B. STATE 176967; C. STATE 162848;

D. MOSCOW 11298

SUMMARY: USDEL VISIT POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 22.

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EXPEDITIOUS RESPONSE TO
REFERENCE B. HUD ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOSKOW, US WORKING
GROUP CHAIRMAN, RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 11 LETTER FROM KUDRY-
AVTSEV DATED SEPTEMBER 3 IN WHICH HE STATES HE SENT MOSKOW
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LETTER ON AUGUST 9 OUTLINING PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND

SAYING HE EXPECTS US GROUP TO ARRIVE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO RECORD OF RECEIPT OF ANY KUDRYAVTSEV AUGUST LETTER IN HUD. SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT KUDRYAVTSEV LETTERS. CEQ (RUSSELL TRAIN) HAS RECEIVED KUDRYAVTSEV AUGUST 27 LETTER WHICH STATES THAT HE WROTE TO MR. MOSKOW EARLIER AND ALSO FORWARDED SUBSTANTIVE LITERATURE AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL. SOVIETS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT NEITHER AUGUST 9 LETTER NOR ENCLOSURES, NOR ANY OTHER BRIEFING MATERIAL, HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY MR. MOSKOW.

2. LATENESS OF SOVIET RESPONSE TO US REQUEST FOR CONFIRMED DATE OF VISIT, AS WELL AS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, REGRETABLELY REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 22 , IF ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS.

3. AS EMBASSY (AND APPARENTLY KUDRYAVTSEV IN AUGUST LETTER TO MOSKOW) MAKES NO MENTION OF LIMITATION ON SIZE OF US TEAM, MAY WE ASSUME THAT US PROPOSAL TO SEND MAXIMUM OF NINE OFFICIALS (REF C) IS ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS? AS THIS IS CRUCIAL POINT FOR US GROUP, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY AS TO MAXIMUM NUMBER ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS.

4. AS SOON AS QUESTIONS OF SIZE OF TEAM AND NEW ARRIVAL DATE ARE AGREED UPON, US SIDE WILL DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF TEAM, CONFIRM ARRIVAL DATE, AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED FOURTEEN-DAY PROGRAM.

5. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PROGRAM OUTLINE OF REF A SUGGESTS VERY TIGHT SCHEDULING. INSUFFICIENT TIME SEEMS TO BE ALLOTTED FOR DISCUSSION OF 1974 PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND PREPARATION OF PROTOCOL AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING. SOME FREE TIME SHOULD ALSO BE PROGRAMMED.

6. COPY OF LETTER POUCHED SEPTEMBER 12 PER PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF A HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.
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